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## REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING.

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed to investigate in full the accounts of Jas. H. Moore, Public Printer, under his contract, the 13th day of December, 1870, in discharge of the duty assigned them, ask leave to submit the following report :

In pursuance of the instructions to said Committee, to use this method of commutation known, as the quad em, and to engage the services of three impartial practical printers, one to be selected by the Committee, one by the Auditor, and one by the Contractor. David C. Dudley, Sr., was selected by J. H. Moore, John C. Gorman, by the Auditor, and J. C. Marcom, by the Committee, who being duly sworn to perform the duty assigned them by the Committee, proceeded to investigate the accounts of the Public Printer, applying the aforesaid rule, and have reported to the Committee a tabular statement, which is herewith annexed with the following results: The said printers report a difference of four millions four hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and sixty-one quad ems, between the computation of said printers, using the quad em, as the unit of computation, and the estimate of the Public Printer, who used the long em as the unit of computation in rendering his accounts, that being the amount on which the estimate of the Public Printer exceeded the estimate of said printers, and the aforesaid printers state as the difference in cost at seventy-five cents per thousand quad ems, of three thousand